

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants : Yukinori IIZUKA et al.
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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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CONTINUOUSLY CAST PRODUCT...
Art Unit : 1793
Examiner : Kevin P. KERNS
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